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SUMMARY. ALL MAJOR JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS OF APRIL 12 CARRIED EDITORIAL COMMENT ON U. S. TRADE BILL. RECURRING THEME OF VIRTUALLY ALL COMMENT WAS THAT WHILE BILL HAS QUOTE STRONG PROTECTIONIST COLORING UNQTE WHICH MUST BE CAUSE FOR SOME ANXIETY IN JAPAN, IT ALSO CONTAINS PROVISIONS FOR LIBERALIZING WORLD TRADE, WHICH JAPAN WELCOMES. NEARLY ALL EDITORS ALSO THROUGHT GOJ SHOULD EXPAND OWN EFFORTS TOWARDS TRADE LIBERALIZATION TO AVOID GIVING U. S. QUOTE EXCUSE UNQUOTE FOR TAKING PROTECTIONIST MEASURES. END SUMMARY.

1. ALL PAPERS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS FOR JAPAN OF TRADE BILL PROVISIONS GIVING PRESIDENT AUTHORITY TO TAKE RETALIATORY TRADE ACTIONS AGAINST SPECIFIC COUNTRIES, EVEN (IN OPINION OF SOME EDITORS) IN CONTRAVENTION OF GATT. YOMIURI HOPED CONGRESS WOULD NOT INCREASE QTE PROTECTIONIST COLORING UNQTE OF BILL AND THAT PRESIDENT WOULD NOT IN- UNCLASSIFIED

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VOKE PROTECTIONIST MEASURES UNTIL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT REACHED ON SUCH QTE SAFEGUARD UNQTE MEASURES.
NIHON KEIZAI THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR U. S. TO QTE RESIST TEMPTATION OF PROTECTIONISM UNQTE IF NEW INTERNATIONAL ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS FAILS TO PRODUCE RESULTS SATISFACTORY TO U. S. SANKEI EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ENACTMENT OF BILL MIGHT CAUSE QTE CHAIN REACTION UNQTE OF RETALIATORY MEASURES BY OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. MOST EDITORS INJECTED BALANCE BY COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON TRADE LIBERALIZING FEATURES OF BILL. MAINICHI THOUGHT BILL CLEARLY REFLECTED DESIRE ON NIXON ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE LEAD IN ESTABLISHING QTE NEW ORDER UNQTE FOR WORLD TRADE AND CALLED ON GOJ TO REDOUBLE OWN EFFORTS FOR ESTABLISHING QTE OPEN ECONOMIC STRUCTURE UNQTE. ASAHI ALSO CARRIED BALANCED EDITORIAL WELCOMING BILL'S TARIFF REDUCTION AUTHORITY AND PROVISION FOR EXTENDING PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS TO LDCS. WHILE NOTING THAT QTE SAFEGUARD UNQTE PROVISIONS MUST BE VIEWED WITH CONSIDERABLE CAUTION BY JAPAN, EDITORS THOUGHT ADMINISTRATION HAD FELT COMPELLED TO INCLUDE THEM SINCE CONGRESS PROBABLY WOULD NOT ENACT ANY TRADE LAW WITHOUT SUCH PROVISIONS. IT ALSO OBSERVED THAT RETALIATORY POWERS WERE DISCRETIONARY AND WOULD NOT NECESSARILY QTE TIE IN IMMEDIATELY TO IMPLEMENTATION UNQTE.
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